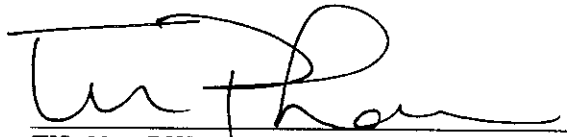


diet drug cases to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. On April 18, 2005, the defendants submitted a suggestion of tag-along to the MDL Panel for transfer of this case to the MDL court. Defendants state that the MDL Panel has transferred every diet drug case referred to it to date. If, as defendants assert, there are no circumstances that would warrant making this diet drug case an exception to the MDL Panel's transfer policy, a stay of litigation pending a transfer decision from the MDL panel would conserve judicial resources and avoid inconsistent rulings.

The scheduling conference set for June 9, 2005 is canceled. If the case is not transferred, the parties shall contact this Magistrate Judge within three days to set a new date for the scheduling conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



TU M. PHAM
United States Magistrate Judge
5/24/05

Date



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